

Business is not a purifying force. It is the exact opposite. Cheating, cutting corners, being less than honest are so rewarding and so much the norm that we have developed Better Business Beaureaus and business tabloids and a whole branches of government on every level to moniter and regulate commerce and industry in order to combat greed and corruption.

To brag that you are going to run a public service "like a business" is absurd. Our entire lives, our quality of life and society and the basis for our rule of law depend on and are enriched by ancient virtues and values. Lowest on the scale of these virtues, not guarenteed by the constitution or protected, is profit. Universally practiced, the basis of business, it is the most selfish, least shared, most powerful (for some as dangerous and addicting as any drug), and the only "value" that raises the question, "at what cost?". It is the worst principle to organize a service around.

The Post Office is not a business. It was included in the Constitution because it was like the internet is today. It was and still is a world-wide net, a forum where ideas are discussed and the truth is sought; the social media where we keep in contact; a tool through which we can obtain nearly anything; and the portal of entry to nearly every function of our government. It is not an investment tool to provide monies for the treasury. It is a service invested in the future and the function of democracy.